



TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TWP. OF THE NORTH SHORE:

An update on the Township of the North Shore's fight to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

We would like to thank each person, including our local businesses and organizations, that are doing their part in the fight against COVID-19 by supporting each other, isolating as necessary and practicing physical distancing. We must continue to do this in order to stop the spread of the virus.

In addition to steps already taken by the municipality and its staff, further steps have been taken to ensure that we are doing all we can to stop the spread of the virus. Our staff have been taking part in several daily teleconference calls for the last few weeks and will continue to do so as long as necessary. These calls are chaired by Emergency Management Ontario and include participation from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and any municipality that wants to participate. These calls allow municipal officials to receive the latest updates and advice from the province and to ask any questions related to municipal operations and COVID-19. Staff have been receiving daily situation reports from the province with the latest information on what is happening in all municipalities.

As well, staff have been participating in calls chaired by Sudbury & District Public Health and Algoma Public Health on a weekly basis. These calls allow another opportunity to hear updates, ask questions to local authorities, and hear what measures other municipalities are taking in our area.

Our municipality has been implementing all recommended practices issued by either provincial or local authorities and will continue to do so when any new measures are recommended. We have responded to this virus in the same ways as our neighbouring municipalities have responded. We have not declared an emergency at this time because the measures that we have taken have not required a declaration to be made. However, if it is necessary to declare an emergency, we won't hesitate to do so.

Internally, our staff are in daily communications with one another to share information and best practices. We have been referring to our Emergency Response Plan, Business Continuity Plan and are putting new steps in place to meet and make decisions virtually.

We continue to ask you to take all necessary precautions recommended by experts and not be guided by panic. Rather, be guided by those that have the answers. Follow the Ontario government's website [www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus](http://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus) which is updated at 10:30 am and 5:30 pm daily.

Let's keep supporting one another, following recommendations, a positive attitude and we will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Deputy Mayor Barton and Council